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In re Patent Application of:
Li-Wei HSU et al.

Application No.: 09/708,306

Filed: November 7, 2000

Art Unit: 1641

For: NOVEL METHOD FOR THE SCREENING OF
EXTRACT OF PLANT FOR ACTIVE
INGREDIENTS

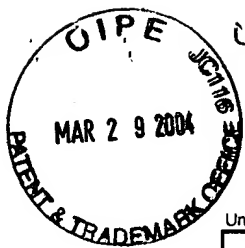
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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This is in response to an Office action herein mailed December 24, 2003, time for response to which was set to expire March 24, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection, and the following amendment and discussion are offered in response. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.



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